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Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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Contract for Santa Fe Railway Signed

Lubbock Will Secure This Important Branch Line Within Year 1909--Bonus of \$50,000 and Right of way Guaranteed by People

ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK MUST BEGIN BY MAY 1, 1909

The Right-of-way Through Lubbock to be Decided Upon in Thirty Days from Date of Contract---Right-of-Way Includes that of Texico Cut-off

A. R. & E. P. R'Y ASSURED

Contracts Signed with Concern to Furnish Materials for Construction of the Road.

Altus, Okla., Jan. 24--Representatives in the city of the Altus, Roswell & El Paso Railroad company returned today from a meeting with St. Louis and New York capitalists where contracts for the construction of 286 miles of the proposed road were signed. The contract calls for the placing of ties, bridges, section houses, depots and everything in readiness for trains to run. Material will be placed immediately, and it is understood that work will be commenced within the next twenty days.

Already considerable grading has been done on the line at Lubbock, Texas, and Roswell, New Mexico. The roadbed is almost completed between this city and Hollis. With the signing of the contracts just made the arrangements have been completed for the building of the entire line, and it is believed here that within the year trains will be running over the entire route.

Those who have been knocking on Mr. Kennedy's road will have to stand up and take notice that the road is going to be built and if they do not want to live in a railroad town it is time to make a wise like moving.

Frank Dorsey Dead

News reached here last Sunday of the death of Frank Dorsey, a prominent young business man of Plainview, who accidentally shot himself at the Orient Hotel at Pecos that day and died in a few hours. His remains were held awaiting the arrival of his widow and father who passed through this city enroute to Big Spring, where they took the train for Pecos.

Lubbock has at last entered into a written contract with the Southwestern Construction Company for the construction of a railroad from Plainview to this place. The contract having been signed in duplicate last Wednesday, by W. A. Cullen, President of the company on party of the first part and F. E. Wheelock and about fifty of our best and most influential citizens.

The terms of the contract are in brief about as follows:

The Southwestern Construction Company agrees to build and put into operation a railroad from Plainview to Lubbock same to be completed during the year 1909, in consideration for which they are to receive from the citizens of Lubbock and Lubbock county the sum of \$50,000 the same to be paid within ten days after the trains run into the town of Lubbock. The people of this county are to also furnish the right-of-way from the north line of Lubbock county to and through the town of Lubbock.

The surveys have been made and the route located to the edge of town. It is here that an expensive part of the right-of-way

proposition begins. Two routes have been run by the construction company's surveyors one comes through the Overton addition and intersects the Texas-Brownwood Survey just South of South Second Street on Overton addition, which line runs in a southerly direction through the all-time section including several of the most expensive dwelling houses in town. The other survey through town is on the east side, which by the way, is the proper place for it, and the route that would please the town of Lubbock much better. The contract provides that the construction company shall have thirty days in which to decide which of the two they shall use, after which, we have till the 30th day of April to secure the ground for them on the right-of-way of their choice.

To provide this right-of-way through the town is going to be quite an item of expense and the right-of-way committee is needing a considerable amount of money to procure same with. It therefore believes every property owner in Lubbock to assist in this matter and give the bonus money

for right-of-way purposes, so that there need be no delay when the time comes to deed the ground to the railroad people.

Those who signed the contract guarantee the bonus and right-of-way. They are your friends and neighbors, and you should not be selfish enough to let them bear the burden of making us a probable defaulter. It is proper for you, if you own any property in Lubbock to help this committee all you can, be it little or much.

Other good things are being in sight in connection with this contract. In as much as the contract calls for a right-of-way extending a mile southeast of town to be used by the Texico Cut-off, as well as the Plainview branch of the Santa Fe. This looks good to Lubbock, in the face of the reports that come to us that work is soon to begin on that road.

Lubbock can now be shaping her garments for the accommodation of at least three railroads within the next 18 months. The Plainview extension, the Altus, Roswell and El Paso and the Texico-Cut-off.

JAMES H. JOHNSON

His Remains Laid to Rest Under Instructions of The Masons of This City. Last Sunday...

A brief notice was given in last week's issue of the Avalanche of the death of James H. Johnson, of this place but on account of the near approaching press four we could not offer any further information.

Mr. Johnson was post master at this place and had been for some time, but for the past three or four months had been unable to attend to the duties of the office on account of his health, having been confined to his bed most of that time, until death relieved him of his sufferings last Friday morning. He was a member of the Methodist church and lived a straight forward christian life such as could well be taken as a model for others.

He was also a member of the Mason Lodge, and was laid to rest in the Lubbock cemetery by the ceremonies of that order, after funeral services at the family residence Sunday morning. The family of deceased lost the sympathy of the entire community in their sad hours of bereavement.

Big Cattle Deal.

W. K. Dickson of this city closed a deal last week whereby he purchased of F. G. Gardner of Haskell county 3400 head of cattle and saddle horses and other items transported from on the ranch. Consideration \$100,000. This is one of the largest one stock deals consummated in this section for several months.

Jack Alley, one of Lubbock's leading business men spent Thursday in Lubbock.

Post Office Applicants.

By the death of J. H. Johnson a vacancy in the post office was declared according to the postal laws and soon there were applications in the field for appointment. To date we have learned two applications have been made. The first being Mrs. Harry Graham and the second S. P. Stubbins. Of course we do not know who will secure the appointment but either will no doubt make good post master.

Leach & Co. have received advice shipment of spring goods. This includes, gingham, percales, embroideries, lawn, muslins, ladies neck wear, etc. They have what you want, and they want your trade. There is an equitable price.

Big Prairie Fire

A very destructive fire traversed a section of country west and south of Plainview and down into the Eadsco county Thursday. Information is that it covered an extensive territory and that the large barn belonging to Perry and Dorden was destroyed by the fire, and a large amount of feed stuffs and probably a buggy horse belonging to the same parties.

Good Sales.

The Lubbock Mercantile's big sale has been holding the attention of the people of Lubbock and surrounding country the past week and the sales for the week have been highly satisfactory to the Company. Tomorrow (Saturday) is the closing day and will probably be one of the best of the week.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

Monday, January 26, 1909. Leader--Ferdie B. Carter. Song. Topic--For Love's Sake--John 14:18. Prayer. Reading by Jewel Tinker and Thomas Caraway. Song--Mary Blalock and Eunice Brooks. Talk on Lesson--Mrs. Hardy. Song. Bible Questions on Lessons. Song. Benediction.

Senator Veale has introduced a bill to create the Seventeenth Judicial District, to be composed of Dawson, Yorkum, Terrell, Lynn, Garza, Crosby, Lubbock, Ochelun and Hockley counties.